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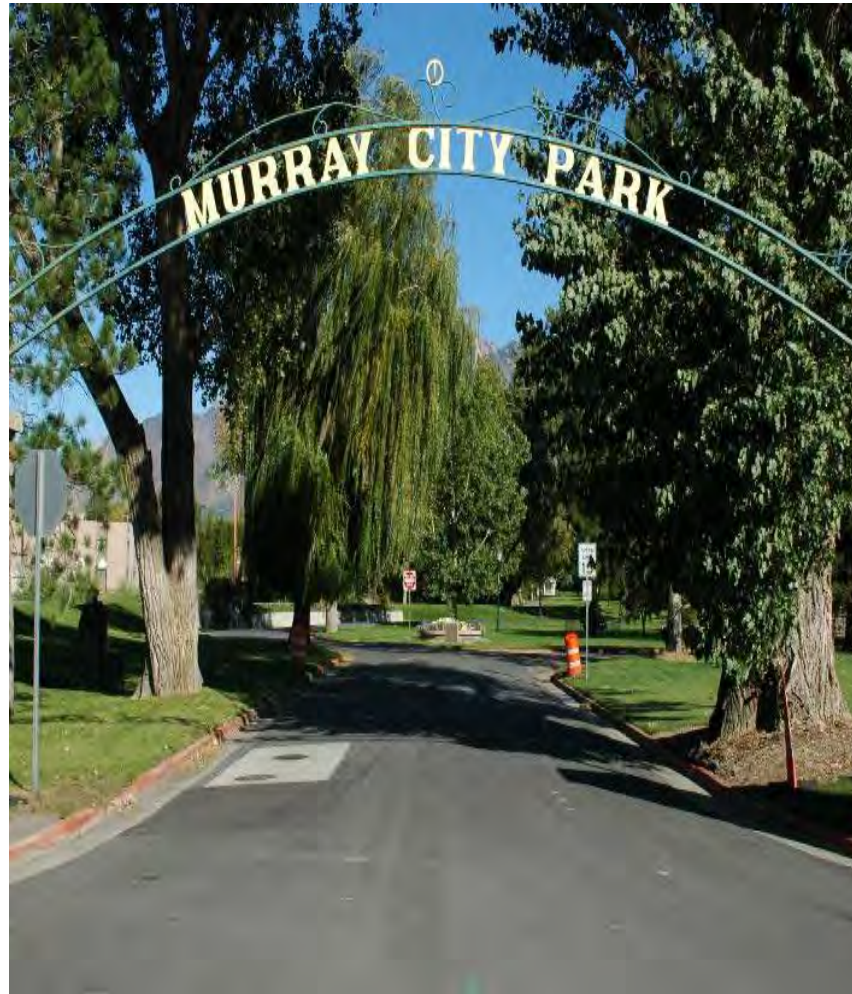
City Relationships with Non-Profit Organizations



**Murray City and the
Boys & Girls Clubs of South Valley**

Murray City has a 35 year relationship with the Boys & Girls Club





Early on, the Boys & Girls Club was a program of Murray City.



Cities can have mutually beneficial relationships with non-profit organizations. State law requires that the benefit provided to that organization is equal to the benefit to the community.

Approximately 10 years ago, Murray City undertook a study to determine if there was reciprocal benefit to the City and to the Boys & Girls Club.

In that study, the City looked at juvenile crime rates, illiteracy, child abuse, domestic violence rates, truancy, teen pregnancy, gang involvement, and other Community factors related to families and children.



In contrast with other comparable cities, negative youth and family issues were markedly less frequent in Murray City.



Additionally, a separate study showed that the “at-risk” children that attend the Club’s programs are much more likely to graduate from high school than the average Utah student.

In addition to the study done in Murray City, Midvale City assessed the need for a youth-serving agency.



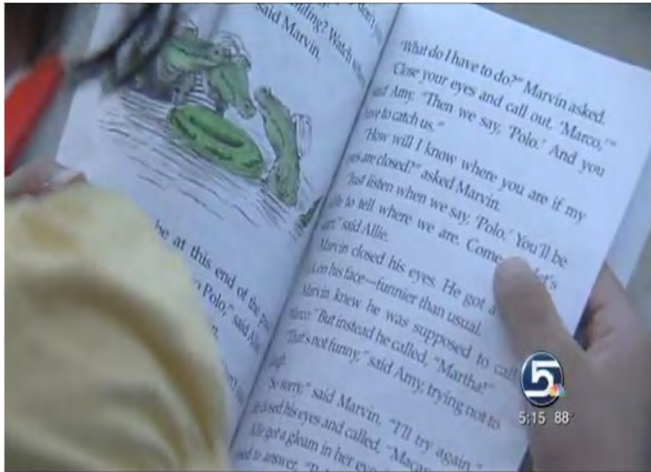
Midvale's study led them to invest in the same program in their city. The Boys & Girls Club has now expanded to Midvale and other communities.

Across the country, Boys & Girls Clubs are assisting young people in becoming self-sufficient, caring and contributing adults. Murray City is benefiting from these efforts.



Each year, Murray club members donate hundreds of hours of service within the community.

Club youth spend at least 10 hours a week in educational instruction and tutoring, even during summer months.



Youth at the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Valley have collectively read more than 22,000 minutes this summer. (KSL.com)

Club youth are trained in skills that prepare them for future life. These skills include:

- **Communication/social skills**
- **Drug and alcohol education**
- **Workplace readiness**
- **How to participate in a job interview**
- **Entrepreneurial training**
- **Babysitting and child care skills**
- **Arts appreciation**
- **Everyday homework help, tutoring, and mentoring younger youth**

There are other, less measurable skills developed as well. These young people participate in community events, get to know their elected officials, are active in the community, and become knowledgeable, active adults who participate in community events. In short, they are ready to become our future community leaders.



In short, while the City provides resources to the Boys & Girls Club, the benefit comes back to the city in numerous ways:

- **Lower juvenile crime rate**
- **Lower teen pregnancy rate**
- **Lower rates of gang activity**
- **95% + graduation rate for club members**
- **Thousands of hours of community service**
- **Lower rates of child abuse and domestic violence**
- **Increased rates of adult literacy and employment rates of club members' parents**
- **Increased rates of parent involvement in club members' lives**
- **Reduced cost to the taxpayers for incarceration, drug treatment, welfare assistance, and other services.**

Additional Benefits to Community

- Provide meeting space for community events
- Provide practice facilities for youth recreation teams
- Provide transportation with club vans and buses for community events
- When all of these benefits are totaled, the small amount of funds that are provided to the Club, through programs such as Community Development Block Grants, get a big bang for the buck.

The Boys & Girls Club is only one example of beneficial relationships between the City and non-profit agencies.

Murray City has several such relationships.

- **NeighborWorks Salt Lake**
- **Heritage Senior Center**
- **Rape Recovery Center**
- **Family Support Center**
- **Columbus Community Center**
- **Salt Lake Valley Emergency Fund**
- **Many more**





**It is incumbent on cities to
provide municipal services.
These services include
programs that improve the
quality of life for the
residents.**



When you take into account the benefits these non-profit agencies provide to the citizens of our many cities and towns, is it not a good investment to maximize those benefits in a collaborative effort?



Through Murray City's relationship with the non-profit agencies of this community, resources are maximized with minimum costs.

The cost to residents can be exorbitant when:

- *crime rates soar**
- *gang activity/graffiti are pervasive**
- *unemployment is rampant**
- *poverty strikes**
- *children/elderly are hungry**
- *residents are illiterate**
- *people are fearful**
- *hope is lost**



**No community is perfect.
Camelot does not exist.**



**As cities, our
mission is to create
a community that
resembles that
“perfect place” as
closely as is possible.**

**In short, our experience in Murray
City is that community
partnerships with non-profit
agencies are a benefit to all.**

